

REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, as requested by the Examiner, Applicant has amended the title of the invention which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 responsive to informalities as noted by the Examiner.

In addition, a number of additional amendments have been made to correct improper antecedent references.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding requirements have been complied with and the claims pending for examination, namely claims 1 – 6 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

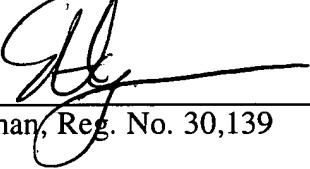
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